

**RHODE ISLAND COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS  
REFERRAL LIST  
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**\*\*ALL CALLERS ALSO MAY BE REFERRED TO THE STATE'S STATEWIDE REFERRAL SERVICE: DIAL 2-1-1**

**ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union)** – 831-7171

**Affirmative Action:** RI Affirmative Action Professionals, Jim Vincent – 457-1144

**AIDS/HIV:**   **-AIDS Hotline – 1-800-590-2437**  
                  -AIDS Care Ocean State – 521-3603  
                  -AIDS Project RI – 831-5522  
                  -Family AIDS Center for Treatment & Support – 521-3603  
                  -Jewish AIDS Task Force – 421-4111, ext. 172

**Alcoholism:**   See **Substance Abuse**

**Attorney General:**   274-4400

**Business:** DBR (Dept. of Business Regulation) – 222-2246

**Child Abuse/Neglect:**       **-Child Abuse Hotline – 1-800-742-4453**  
                                  -DCYF (Dept. of Children, Youth and Families) – 528-3540  
                                  -Office of Child Advocate – 222-6650  
                                  -Children's Friend & Service – 331-2900

**Connecticut:** CCHRO (CT Comm'n on Human Rights & Opportunities) – 860-541-3400

**Consumer Issues (Fraud, etc):**       Attorney General's Office – 274-4400

**Disability:**  
                  -Access Issues: Governor's Commission on Disabilities – 462-0100 / TTY – 462-0101  
                  -Advocacy: Rhode Island Disability Law Center – 831-3150 / TTY 831-5335  
                  -Hearing Impaired: Comm'n on Deaf & Hard of Hearing – 222-1204 / TTY – 222-1205  
                  -Mental Health: Office of Mental Health Advocate – 462-2003 / 1-800-346-2282  
                  -Visually Impaired – IN-SIGHT – 941-3322

**Diversity/Sensitivity Training:**

The following organizations maintain referral lists:

- RI Coalition for Affirmative Action, Donna Fishman – 423-0397
- RI for Community and Justice, Toby Ayers – 467-1717, ext. 102

**Domestic Violence:**   -RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence – 467-9940  
                                  **\*24-hour Helpline: 800-494-8100**  
                                  -Multilingual Group for Abused Women (English/Spanish/  
                                  Portuguese) – 723-3057  
                                  -Sojourner House – 861-6191

**Drugs:**       See **Substance Abuse**

**Education:** Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education – 222-4600  
(Marvin Abney – Office of Equity and Access)

**Employment (Federal Law):**

EEOC (Boston Regional Office) – 800-669-4000/ TTY 800-669-6820

**Employment, Equal Opportunity, State Employees:** State EEO – 222-3090

**Elder Issues:** Dept. of Elderly Affairs – 462-0560

**Environmental:** DEM (Dept. of Environmental Management) – 222-2771

**Ethnic/Cultural/Racial – Advocacy/Policy:**

- ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) – 831-7171
- Cambodian Society of RI – 437-6264
- CHisPA (Center for Hispanic Policy & Advocacy) – 467-0111
- Hmong United Associations of RI – 455-0847
- Jewish Federation of Rhode Island (Community Relations Council) – 421-4111
- Liberian Community Association of RI – 780-6718
- Progreso Latino – 728-5920
- RI Association of Chinese Americans – 722-6433
- RI Indian Council – 781-1098
- NAACP (Providence Branch) – 521-6222

**FBI:** 272-8310

**FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act):** Dept. of Labor and Training – 462-8550

**Foster Care:** -DCYF (Dept. of Children, Youth and Families) – 528-3700

-Children's Friend & Service – 331-2900

-Casey Family Services – 781-3669

-RI Foster Parent Association – 438-3900

**Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues:**

- Youth Pride RI – 421-5626
- GLAD (Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders) – 800-455-GLAD; 617-426-1350
- Lifelines RI (Transgender) – 369-9680; [info@lifelinesri.org](mailto:info@lifelinesri.org)
- GLBT Helpline of RI – [www.glbthelpline.org](http://www.glbthelpline.org)
- Marriage Equality RI – 463-5368

**Governor's Office:** 222-2080

**Hate Crimes:** -Attorney General: Tom Palombo, Civil Rights Advocate – 274-4400, ext. 2296

-RI Commission on Prejudice and Bias: Norman Orodenker, Chair, 456-1333

[www.hatecrimeri.org](http://www.hatecrimeri.org)

**Health & Safety, Workplace:**

-Occupational Health & Safety Administration (OSHA)  
Boston Regional Office – 617-565-9860

-RI Dept. of Labor, Occupational Safety – 462-8570

**Health, General:** Dept. of Health – 222-2231

**Homelessness:** -Crossroads RI (Traveler's Aid) – 800-367-2700  
-Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless – 421-6458  
-Urban League of Rhode Island – 351-5000

**Housing (Federal Law):**  
**HUD** (Boston Regional Office) – 617-994-8200/ TTY 617-565-5453

**Immigrant Issues:** -International Institute of RI – 461-5940  
-Progreso Latino – 728-5920  
-ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) – 831-7171

**John Hope Settlement House:** 421-6993  
-Youth, Adult & Family Wellness Center  
-Family Recreational Center  
-Child Care Services

**Labor Issues:** Dept. of Labor & Training, Labor Standards Division – 462-8550

**Landlord/Tenant:** -City/Town Hall of residence of caller  
-RI Housing Resources Commission – 222-4893  
-RI Legal Services – 274-2652

**Lawyer, Discipline:** Supreme Court – 222-3272

**Lead Issues, Housing:** LEAD Action – 785-1310

**Legal Aid:** -Public Defender (Criminal matters only) – 222-3492  
-RI Legal Services – 274-2652  
-RI Bar Association – 421-5740 (General)  
421-7799 (Lawyer Referral Service)  
- [www.helpri1aw.org](http://www.helpri1aw.org)

**Low-Income Advocacy:** Poverty Institute of RI – 456-8512

**Massachusetts:** MCAD (Mass. Commission Against Discrimination) – 617-994-6000

**Police (Brutality/Other Complaints Against):**  
-Providence: PERA (Prov. External Review Authority) – 228-6989  
-Other Jurisdictions: Internal Affairs Division of Local Police Dept.  
-Other: ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) – 831-7171  
DARE (Direct Action for Rights and Equality) – 351-6960  
U.S. Dept. of Justice, Civil Rights Div. – 877-218-5228

**Prisoner Abuse:** -ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) – 831-7171  
-DARE (Direct Action for Rights and Equality) – 351-6960  
-State Police: 444-1111

**Providence Human Relations Commission:**  
400 Westminster St., 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Providence, RI 02903 - 351-0475

**Public Defender:** 222-3492

**Sexual Assault:** Day One (formerly Sexual Assault & Trauma Resource Ctr.) – 421-4100  
\*24-hour Helpline: 800-494-8100

**Sign Language Interpreting:** Comm'n on Deaf & Hard of Hearing – 222-1204/TTY – 222-1205

**State Agencies, Info.:** 222-2000

**State EEO:** 222-3090

**State Police:**

- Hope Valley Barracks – 539-2323
- Lincoln Woods Barracks – 728-2211
- North Scituate Barracks – 444-1111
- Portsmouth Barracks – 849-4444
- Wickford Barracks – 294-3322

**Substance Abuse:**

- Alcohol & Drug Helpline – 1-866-ALC-DRUG; 725-0410**
- Drug and Alcohol Treatment Assoc. of RI – 521-5759
- Al-Anon – 781-0044
- Ala-Teen – 781-0044, ext. 106

**Suicide:**

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline – 1-800-273-8255**
- Samaritans of RI Suicide Prevention Emergency Line – 272-4044 (\*staffed according to volunteer availability)**

**TDI (Temporary Disability Insurance):** TDI Administrator – 462-8468 (voice)/462-8006 (TTY)

**Transgender/Transsexual Issues:** Lifelines RI – 369-9680; [info@lifelinesri.org](mailto:info@lifelinesri.org)

**Urban League of Rhode Island:** 351-5000

- Adoption/Foster Care
- Advocacy
- Education/Training/Employment Services
- Health Promotion Programs
- Housing/Shelter Programs
- Support Services

**Wage Issues:** See Labor Issues

**Whistleblowers:** See Labor Issues

**Women:**

- RI Commission on Women – 222-6105
- RI NOW (Nat'l Organization for Women) – [www.rinow.org](http://www.rinow.org)

**Workers' Compensation:** 462-8100